

Boston Dec 27th 1839

Dear Friend & Brother Chapman,

Your good letter was rec'd yesterday, with great satisfaction, & with all its contents I can say (in reply to your question) I heartily agree with one exception, & that a mere matter of Enagement. I mean as to the propriety of doing that thing which the enemies of the cause call "filling up the Liberator with controversy" & which they labour to make the friends think is its ruin.

The local difficulties & falsehoods &c. of Abington, are of no consequence to Danners people, nor the Boston "squabbles" as they are sometimes called, to Philadelphia but mischief is prevented in Abington by laying bare the acts & springs to its inhabitants, & Massachusetts is spared by the "Boston Controversy" though Pennsylvania, (where the fire has not yet reached) may not see any necessity for so public & minute examinations.

Dear Sir

I have your letter. My sister Anne who was here last evening, that you had written of a debt or debt due from her to the estate of Mr Bailey being

Dear Sir My sister Anne told me last evening that you had spoken to her of money that she for the children's board during the year they were with me. I did not suppose any of the family knew or would be aware of anything account remaining between me and her. I therefore have not mentioned it -

Among Mr Bailey's papers one or two papers or notes from one of a later date than when circumstances had conspired to occasion some pecuniary perplexities, - asking him to deliver a statement of my affairs. It was then that I became aware of the state of Mr Bailey's affairs -

My business troubles were not of long duration & I may be pleased for you to learn as it is for me to remember that long before Mr Bailey's death I had the satisfaction of having been that my affairs were of assuming him that he need have no uneasiness on my account, as I had to make the best of my way not to consider

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